

U. S. Rubber Co. Hikes Wages by 2c an Hour

Beginning the week of May 4, all wage employees of the United States Rubber Company working at the Kankakee unit of Joliet Arsenal will receive a two-cent hourly pay increase, factory manager H. R. Gatez announced today.

The increase will be retroactive to Oct. 1, 1952, and it represents the balance of a 14-cent hourly pay raise which previously was requested of the Wage Stabilization Board before it was abolished by order of President Eisenhower in February.

IN ANNOUNCING the approval of the two-cent balance of the original request, Mr. Gatez stated that the United States Rubber company had asked the board to reconsider its decision regarding the additional two cents per hour, but that the board did not act upon the company's request before the president issued orders abolishing wage and salary controls.

"The abolition of wage and salary controls, of necessity, left many questions to be clarified," Gaetz said, "and there were occasional long delays in resolving the status of all work petitions and appeals which were before the board at the time it was disbanded."

PERSONNEL OF the Ordnance Corps and the United States Rubber company working together have not resolved these questions and both are pleased to announce

that all necessary approvals have been received.

The increase in pay will be reflected in the payroll checks issued to employees May 15.